



Dear Family in Christ,
 As we enter the four weeks of Advent,
 I am reminded of Bob Dylan's song,
 "The Times They Are A-Changin'".
 With a new President, a new D.I. Twp.
 Supervisor, and a lot of challenges ahead, God invites us
 to participate in the changes He is making on this
 planet. That's what Christmas is about.

Keeping you informed:

- **Final drive for Baycliff Camp!** Fill up your World-Changer Containers with \$\$ as we collect them Sunday, Dec. 18.
- **Christmas Soup Supper:** Friday, Dec. 16th, 6 pm, Poo Wilson's house (30087 E. Bay St. on the "U-block"). Bring a soup to share and invite a friend to share in the fun!
- **Family Movie Night** is coming up Friday, Jan. 6, 2017, 7 pm, with the popular "Finding Dory". Bring a buddy for all the fun (and free popcorn & pop).
- Just a reminder that our "Carols & Candles" Christmas Eve service is Sat., Dec. 24th, at 7 pm. *There is no Sunday morning service Dec. 25. Relax and enjoy Christmas morning with the family!*
- *Men's Breakfast will be meeting at 9 am for the winter months.*

Christmas is about God demonstrating just how immediate and present and involved He is in our everyday joys and pains. Jesus' birth proclaims "You are not alone!" Now, that's good news! And we are likewise invited to be present and involved in His Spirit and in the world for which He gave His life. Go deeper into the life of Jesus, letting Him be born anew in your heart this Christmas Season.



Ang and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas,

- Scott

MISSIONS

On Dec. 18th, we finish up our corporate support for **Bay Cliff Health Camp**, a camp for special-needs children. Please continue to support them individually, as the Spirit leads.

Also, please be praying about where the Lord may have us go for our mission's focus in 2017. We just finished a couple of quarters of local outreach, maybe we might consider something a little farther away from home? Let's talk to God about this, eh?

We will be reaching out to the community in our monthly **Family Movie Nights**, coming up **Jan. 6 (Fri.), Feb. 11 (Sat.), Mar. 10 (Fri.), all at 7 pm.** Mark your calendars and invite a friend or two!



SHARE THE MESSAGE in 2016

Jesus Christ, the greatest man who ever lived, change virtually every aspect of human life – and most people don't know it. The greatest tragedy of the Christmas holiday is not so much its commercialization (gross as that is), but its trivialization. How tragic it is that people have forgotten Him to whom they owe so very much.

The Christmas season is a time when our attention is centered on Jesus. He came from heaven to earth to live among humankind. His life, death, and resurrection is good news to our world. This good news is not something we should keep to ourselves, but is a message to be shared with the world.

Prayer: Oh, Lord God, help me to share my faith and to teach others Your Words. Thank you for your Words which are both eloquent and true. You, who made my mouth, teach me to speak as your servant. Give me strength for today that I might share your love with someone who needs to hear how you have touched my life. Let me be a faithful witness and thank you for the opportunities you give me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Submitted by Chuck & Colleen Barko

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Pearls of Wisdom

Be patient in suffering, as GOD's prophets were patient. (James 5:10, Mt. 5:12).

- From Ruth Wise

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 3 Carol Webber
- 16 Noah Danforth
- 17 Mary Lutz and Hannah Danforth
- 21 Dan Barkle
- 24 Angela Danforth
- 25 Jesus
- 30 Kirk Tyler

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

- 11 Ronn & Cheryl Wolf
- 29 Scott & Angela Danforth

(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let us know!)

Upcoming DECEMBER ACTIVITIES:

(Nov. 29) Elders meet: 7 pm, Church Library

- 4 Potluck!** Following worship. Bring a dish to pass. Also, **final collection of shoeboxes** for Operation Christmas Child.
- 11 Leadership Meeting.** All are invited to participate.
- 16 Christmas Soup Supper!** Wilson house @ 6 pm. Bring a soup to share and a friend to share it with!!
- 17 MEN'S BREAKFAST @ 9:00 am** (Note *new* time)
- 24 "Carols & Candles" Christmas Eve Service, 7 pm**
- 25 No service – Relax with your family!**

(Jan. 6) Family Movie Night! Invite some friends!

JOIN US for Friendly Small Group Fellowship:



- **Tuesdays:**
 - 10:00 **Discussion Group** in the Library on God, life, and the Bible. Current study: **Hebrews.**
 - 11:15 **Prayer Group** in the Pastor's Office. Come grow in your prayer life, in a warm, supportive atmosphere.
 - 11:30 **Worship Team** in Sanctuary. You're invited to listen in as the Team prepares for Sunday.
 - 6 pm: **Discipleship Gathering.** Kirk & Sue's house, 24500 E. Anderson Pt. Rd. Call Sue with any questions: 269-929-6536.
- **Men's Breakfast**, every third Sat. @ **9 am**, in the Church basement. Come for a great breakfast in the company of friends!

(If you've got an idea that might gather a group together, let me know! - Scott)

ARTICLES FOR THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY TUESDAY, Dec. 20th
(IF YOU CAN SUBMIT BY EMAIL, IT IS APPRECIATED)



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